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1. A group of about 36 ROK sympathizers advanced into the Tanch'on-gun (128-51, 40-26) (DV-8775) area in late 1950 with United Nations troops and became members of the United Nations-sponsored local self-defense unit for the county. When the United Nations troops retreated in December 1950, they did not fall back with them but remained in the Sonchasan (approximately DV-707930) area. From this base they occasionally made small raids on Communist forces in the area.
2. The Ministry of Social Security became aware that the group was operating in the area but was unsuccessful in several attempts to find it. Finally, MSS officers of the Tanch'on-gun detachment made a plan to lure the group from its hideout in the mountains by using the following three girls, all of them second-year students at the Tanch'on-gun school of Mining: CHON Ch'u-wol (0356/4428/2588), aged 22; KIM Chung-wol (6855/0022/2588), aged 21; and YI Hye-suk (2621/1920/3219), aged 19.
3. The three girls posed as South Korean guerrillas and finally succeeded in contacting the 36-man group in mid-1952. The girls took food and other supplies on ten different occasions to the men before gaining their confidence. Then the girls told the group that the guerrilla band to which the girls belonged was planning to raid the nearby village of Hata-myon and wanted the 36-man group to make a diversionary attack against a secondary target, the village of Kunmaeng-kol (approximately 128-52, 40-27) (DV-735885). The group was then to reassemble outside the village. The group of ROK sympathizers agreed to the plan and the girls reported their success in arranging the trap to the Tanch'on-gun detachment of the MSS.
4. On the evening of 28 July 1952 the group of 36 ROK sympathizers went to Kunmaeng-kol to carry out the raid and was immediately surrounded and captured

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by a superior force of MSS and Ministry of Internal Affairs security troops, who had been concentrated there for the purpose. As a result of the successful entrapment and capture, the three girls were awarded heroine medals by the Ministry of Social Security. In mid-August 1952 the captured ROK sympathizers were still being interrogated by the Tanch'on-gun detachment of the MSS.

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